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PROCLAIMING EQUAL RIGHTS

YET AT THE SAME TIME REPUBLICANS WORK AGAINST IT.

The Fear of Defeat at the Polls Has Kept the Party and Election Boards Busy Framing Various Schemes. Here Are a Few of Them.

Oklahoma City, Oct. 24.—The following has been given to the press by the Democratic Campaign Bureau:

The Republican party has been proclaiming its position as the party of equal rights, and yet the Republican election boards have contrived to keep the candidates that were running independently of the tickets for fear they would defeat the regular Republican candidates. The pretext was made that the petitions were not properly made out, but in some instances it is known that such is not the case and the board deliberately in order to save certain Republican candidates from defeat arbitrarily ruled in the matter.

In Oklahoma City were two prohibition candidates that menaced the chances of the Republican candidates who are favorable to the saloons. By putting out of the way the prohibition candidates they hope to secure the votes of many Republicans who would otherwise have voted for the prohibition candidates, in the belief that they will cling to the regular Republican candidates rather than vote for a Democrat.

The Republicans have tried to make the negroes believe that the party is their friend, but they put a negro off the ticket at Ardmore and another at Muskogee. At both these places the negro was forced to adopt a candidate of their own race for the reason the Republican party had declared against the negro in their convention. Yet the Republicans refused to let the negroes have a candidate of their own, preferring to compel the negro to vote for the regular nominee.

All through the campaign the Republican leaders have done everything their ingenuity could suggest to win the election. They have not hesitated to undertake any means to gain the end. Their attempt to distort the provisions of the enabling act and open the way for fraud at the polls; the gerrymandering of the constituencies to benefit the Republican and the consequent disfranchisement of thousands of voters in the Democratic strongholds; the last and most desperate attempt which they have carried out, to prevent the candidates that would likely injure the chances of their own candidates from appearing on the ticket, shows their intentions.

If the leaders of a party that is so unfair will adopt such means to elect their candidates, what will they demand of those candidates in the constitutional convention if they are

elected? The party that is afraid to leave the question and candidates open to the people to decide, has a poor cause and is afraid to let the people say who will make the constitution. The people in casting their votes should be careful to vote for the party and the men who have had to fight the Republican organization from the start in order to get a fair election—the party whose leaders were compelled to write to President Roosevelt and lay the conditions before him in order to prevent a wholesale fraud that was being advocated by the leaders of the Republican party. The people will find upon investigation that the Democratic party in Oklahoma is the party that has forced the Republican leaders to give the people even a semblance of fairness in this election.

Old Politician Dies.

By Associated Press.

New York, N. Y., Oct. 25.—Col. Stephen W. Kerbert, an old time Missouri politician and member of staff of Thomas C. Fletcher, who was governor of Missouri, died yesterday, aged 75.

HENRY PRUITT UNDER ARREST

HIS BROTHER ESCAPED BY A DARING DASH IN THE DARK.

Charged With Complicity in the Murder of Ben Collins at Emot During the Month of August—Reward Offered by Chickasaws

Deputy United States Marshal C. A. Hahn arrived in the city last night having in his possession Henry Pruitt, whom he placed in jail on the charge of murder. Pruitt is charged with complicity in the murder of Ben Collins, who was waylaid and shot at his home near Emot, I. T., last August. A special received from Orr by the Ardmoreite last night stated that Clint Pruitt was also arrested at the same time the arrest of Henry Pruitt was effected, but he made a daring dash for liberty and under cover of the darkness he made good his escape, and although the marshal made every effort possible to find him, he has not been apprehended.

Some years ago Ben Collins, shot and made a permanent cripple of Pote Pruitt, a brother of Henry and Clint Pruitt, and when Collins was killed suspicion pointed to the Pruitts as having something to do with the killing, but not enough information could be gathered to warrant their arrest until the grand jury recently met at Ada, at which time the evidence was submitted to the grand jurors and an indictment was returned against A. C. Washwood and Henry and Clint Pruitt and probably others. Washwood was arrested several days ago at Durant and is now in the federal jail. Henry Pruitt was a very willing prisoner and the officer who placed him in jail said that if Henry was out he would make no effort to get away. It is said by his friends that he will easily prove an alibi.

Collins was a deputy marshal and was also a member of the Indian police force. He was considered a good officer and the esteem in which he was held by the Chickasaws is evidenced by the Chickasaw legislature having offered one thousand dollars for the arrest and conviction of the guilty parties.

On account of the vast acquaintance of the Pruitts and of Collins the case will attract considerable attention and a large number of people all over the country will keep up with the case in all its details.

Henry Pruitt was tried here a short time ago on the charge of killing W. P. Rabottom of Courtney but was acquitted.

SHERIFF PLACED UNDER ARREST.

Charged With Altering Document to Cover Deficit.

Salt Lake City, Utah, Oct. 24.—A man, the Tribune from Wizer, Idaho.

was arrested at that place. The warrant was issued at the instance of the board of county commissioners and charges Lansdon with altering a public record while sheriff to conceal an alleged deficit in the funds of the county.

FULL BLOOD CHOCTAW

THE GOVERNMENT FILED SUIT IN HIS BEHALF.

Said It Was Done Without His Knowledge or Consent—The Pleas in Abatement May Be Argued Before Judge Townsend Soon.

Simon Nelson is a full blood Choctaw Indian residing in the Choctaw nation. He has some land in the Marietta district which has been leased and the government, in his behalf, has brought suit to set aside the lease or to modify it. Nelson has entered into the case by means of a plea in abatement, in which he states upon his oath that he did not request the government to file any suit in his behalf, that it was done without his knowledge or consent, that he is a recognized citizen of the United States and is subject to its laws and constitution, and that he is entitled to all the rights, privileges and immunities granted under the constitution, and that he has a right to manage his lands and soils at law or in equity on his own behalf without the interference of the United States of America. He says the suit was brought against his will and he protests against its maintenance. He also states that the lease was not secured by fraud or false representations, but for a fair consideration.

The law under which these suits were brought presumes that the Indian is still a ward of the government and is not a full-fledged citizen of the United States.

The attorneys who have filed the plea in abatement are confident that they will be sustained by Judge Townsend, and in the event they are the result will be the dismissal of something near one hundred suits that have been filed in the Southern district by the government in behalf of Indians. The district attorney filed these suits upon instructions from the interior department.

An effort will be made to induce Judge Townsend to give the question a hearing in Ardmore next Saturday.

If the restrictions placed upon the sale of lands had been by congressional act alone and not by treaty with the Indians this principle of law would decide the matter whether the Indian could not dispose of his estate as any other citizen of the United States can do.

GUNS TOSSED INTO SEA

VERIFYING STATEMENT MADE BY SECRETARY TAFT.

Who Declared the Rifles Surrendered by Cuban Insurgents Would Be Put Where They Would Do No Further Harm.

Havana, Oct. 24.—The statement made by Secretary of War Taft on the eve of his departure from Cuba, that he would put all the arms surrendered by the insurgents where they would do no further harm, was verified today when a company of the Cuban artillery spent the afternoon throwing these weapons into the sea from the outer bastion of Moro castle.

Thousands of rifles and carbines were sunk in thirty fathoms of water. Some unrest continues to prevail in Puerto Principe and Santa Clara where all bands are committing minor depredations.

The residents of Holguin requested protection against a considerable body of ex-rebels and a battalion of the Eleventh infantry reached Holguin this afternoon.

The mayor of Agua Caliente province of Havana, who was ousted from office, was restored to his position Tuesday and organized an armed escort of twenty-five men, alleging that he feared an attack from the moderates.

Governor Magoon today ordered Governor Nunez to compel the mayor to surrender the arms and to bring the weapons to Havana.

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CONFESSES TO MURDER

HOWARD NICHOLAS ACCOMPLICE IN MRS. LESLIE'S MURDER.

He and Another Called at Her Room and Strangled Her—Robbed Her of Jewels and Escaped From Hotel. Booty Was Divided.

Chicago, Oct. 24.—Mrs. Margaret Leslie, the actress, found dead in her room in the Palace hotel last Thursday afternoon, did not commit suicide as was supposed, but was murdered. Howard E. Nicholas, a theatrical manager, arrested Saturday night on suspicion, confessed today that he and another man called at her room and strangled her and that George Lemmon, a street clerk, for whom the police are now searching, was his accomplice. The woman's diamonds and her money were also stolen for the crime.

Nicholas, who confessed he was aided by a man named Lemmon, who had pushed a gun, looked at him. He first refused to tell his story if Lemmon was not on this being refused he made a complete confession implicating Lemmon. He said that he and Lemmon went to the woman's room Wednesday night and after a few minutes conversation he suggested that they have a drink, producing a bottle of whisky. Mrs. Leslie was taking off her jewels at the time, and her back was turned toward them. While in this position Lemmon, according to Nicholas, seized the woman by the throat and choked her into insensibility. Throwing her on the bed they placed a towel saturated with chloroform over her face. The men then took some of the woman's garments and hid them tightly around her neck. Seizing her jewels which were valued at \$2,000, the men turned on the gas jets, hurried out of the room and left the hotel. The next morning they met by appointment and divided the booty. Those which Nicholas took have already been recovered. It was the anxiety on the part of Nicholas to realize money on the jewels which led to his arrest. Detectives working on the case found some of the diamonds in a pawnshop, and they were traced to Nicholas. He was then arrested, and he declared that Mrs. Leslie, who had been an old friend of his, had given them to him. He told conflicting stories, however, and finally admitted the theft, and under pressure the confession of murder followed.

THE FRISCO WILL BUILD.

Right of Way Has Been Segregated From Allotment.

Allen Robberson is in the city today from Dixie. Mr. Robberson says that the Democratic nominee in the 192nd district will win in a walk.

In speaking of crop prospects Mr. Robberson said that dry weather is all that is needed to insure a bumper cotton crop.

Naturally Mr. Robberson's conversation drifted to the prospects of his section and he said: "The Frisco will surely build its line from Oklahoma City by way of Lindsay, Alma, Dixie and to Cornish. This line has not only been surveyed but the survey is segregated from allotment. In a recent conversation with the engineer, he stated to me that the survey south of Lindsay offers the best roadbed that he had ever seen. The Chickasaw Telephone company has an agreement with the Frisco to use its right of way and it has done so for several miles north of Cornish. The telephone line extends north from Cornish along the right of way some twelve miles before making the turn to Comanche."

Mr. Robberson says that Cornish is to be made the terminus of the road.

The Oklahoman in its local columns some days ago stated that the contract for grading this road would be let during the month of November.

A sour stomach, a bad breath, a pasty complexion and other consequences of a disordered digestion are quickly removed by the use of Ring's Dyspepsia Tablets. Two days' treatment free. Sold by City Drug Store.

ANNA HELD LOSES FORTUNE.

Actress Robbed of One Hundred and Fifty Thousand Dollars in Jewels.

Cleveland, Ohio, Oct. 24.—The police and detective agency are working diligently to discover the whereabouts of \$150,000 worth of jewels which Anna Held, the actress, reported were stolen from her on a Pennsylvania train while coming into Cleveland early Monday morning.

The gems, said to include many very elaborate and valuable pieces, were stolen from Miss Held's state-room while she and her husband, Florence Zeigfeld, Jr., were temporarily absent.

The jewels were in a small hand satchel, which also contained over 6,000 in money and papers, bankbooks, etc., which Miss Held said he valued at \$100,000. When the case was first reported to the police they were incredulous, but Chief Kehring is now convinced that the robbery was committed.

AN EXPLOSION KILLS SEVEN

A ROLLING MILL NINE OF CAMBRIA STEEL COMPANY.

Six of the Dead Were Foreigners—Gas Is Supposed to Have Been Set On As a Blast Was Fired—Workings of Mine Not Damaged.

By Associated Press.

Johnstown, Pa., Oct. 24.—By an explosion in the rolling mill nine of the Cambria Steel company this afternoon seven men are dead and two are painfully but not fatally hurt.

Up to the present time only one of the dead has been identified. He is an American-born miner named Sampson Luther. It is believed the other dead are all foreigners, as are the two injured.

The explosion took place in Heading No. 29, a considerable distance from the ill-fated Klondike section where 114 men lost their lives about four years ago. The exact cause is not known, but it is supposed that the gas was fired by the putting off of a blast. All the men when found had their safety lamps in proper trim, showing that accident could not have been caused by negligence in this direction. No damage was done to the workings, and the mine will be running tomorrow as usual.

BREAKS LONG FAST.

Woman Worried Greatly About Her Husband's Religious Welfare.

Lawton, O. T., Oct. 24.—A woman living at Meers, last evening took her first meal in twenty-two days, during which time she fasted and prayed that her husband would be converted. It was during a religious revival that she became much wrought up because her husband would not join the church.

She was brought to Lawton yesterday where she met her brother and cousin. After much persuasion she yielded to breaking her fast. Her husband told her that when a child he was christened in the Presbyterian church but that he was of the belief that the baptism was not valid.

Yesterday he acknowledged to his wife that he was convinced that the baptism was all right and that a second baptism would be sacrilegious.

President Commuted Sentence.

Leavenworth, Kan., Oct. 24.—President Roosevelt has commuted the sentence of Frank Hunter, serving a fifteen year sentence in the federal prison at Fort Leavenworth for manslaughter and he will be released Nov. 6.

Hunter, who is the son of a wealthy cattleman of Indian Territory, shot and killed a cowboy during a roundup in 1901, in self-defense as he alleged at the trial when he pleaded guilty. He was convicted at Pauls Valley, I. T., May 4, 1901.

May Release Geronimo

Lawton, Okla., Oct. 24.—The Apache delegation that went to Washington recently to ask that Geronimo and his band held under restraint at Fort Sill, I. T., be set free, report that it was promised at the war department that Secretary Taft will visit Fort Sill and make a definite decision after personal study of the situation.

KANSAS CITY HOLOCAUST

BODIES CREMATED THIS MORNING IN DISASTROUS FIRE.

In Kansas City, Kansas, Which Destroyed the Chamber of Commerce Building—May Be Days Before Number of Dead Is Known.

By Associated Press.

Kansas City, Mo., Oct. 25.—In the ruins of the Chamber of Commerce building in Kansas City, Kansas, destroyed by fire early today, there are anywhere from a half dozen to thirty bodies, according to the estimates given out this morning by firemen who worked at the scene all night.

On the other hand, the assistant fire chief at eleven o'clock insisted the dead would not number over half a dozen.

At 8 o'clock this morning the body of D. H. Young, laborer, was removed from the ruins. Young lived on the fourth floor with his family, whose fate is not known. His body was so badly burned it was difficult to identify it.

The actual loss of life will not be known until a thorough search of the ruins can be made, and probably not then, as some firemen assert several bodies must have been burned to ashes.

The building was used as a tenement house and held, as near as can be learned, close to two hundred persons at the time the fire broke out at 12:30 o'clock. Most of those composed families, many of whose names are unknown.

It was the custom for many transients who come mostly from nearby railroad yards, not to register, and thus all trace of them is lost for the time being.

Only through a search of the ruins that may take days, and exact counting of the missing will finally reveal the extent of the catastrophe.

Later—The known dead are as follows:

Infant of Mr. and Mrs. John Sparks; Charles Lynch, driver of sand wagon, lost his life in trying to save the Sparks baby; D. N. Young, aged 62, body recovered this morning.

The missing follows: Charles Carlin, stationary engineer, who was ill with typhoid fever; Mrs. M. E. Brigham and children, Amos aged 15 and Scott aged 12; Patrick McGuire, an elderly man; George Mullin, an invalid, aged 20; Mrs. Ed Winslow and daughters, Mabel aged 9, and May, aged 4.

The fatally injured are as follows: J. F. Branahan, wagon-maker; an unknown baby; W. J. Worley, Missouri Pacific fireman.

Only the outside walls of the building remained standing. The interior construction was of wood and the six stories on the ground floor and rooms on the upper floor contained much inflammable material.

Long after the floors had fallen in a great pile of debris attacked by flames of gas from an open main that entered the building, continued to burn, rendering to ashes everything within reach.

The financial loss is estimated at \$100,000.

Between forty and fifty persons were injured, half of them more or less seriously.

Kansas City, Mo., Oct. 25.—J. F. Branahan, one of the injured, died today.

Governor Davis at Tishomingo.

Ardmoreite Special.

Tishomingo, I. T., Oct. 25.—A large crowd of people are in town today to greet Gov. Jeff Davis of Arkansas, who will arrive here at noon on the Choctaw and will deliver a speech at 2 o'clock this afternoon.

After he has finished speaking he will be driven across the country to Madill by Mr. J. M. Bounds of this place, where he will catch the Frisco for Ardmore, his next place to speak.

Jesse James Here.

The Jesse James Show has arrived in town and pitched its tent on the lot near the Elks hall. The company will remain here three nights, changing the program each night.

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